Amendments to the Claims

1-55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) A method for constructing a DNA molecule comprising: operatively linking a transcriptional control element that binds a DNA-directed RNA polymerase to a DNA sequence that encodes an RNA molecule, wherein the RNA molecule comprises a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of an influenza virus, operatively linked to an RNA sequence comprising the reverse complement of an mRNA coding sequence of an influenza virus.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the RNA template is replicable.

58. (Previously Presented) A method for constructing a DNA molecule comprising: operatively linking a transcriptional control element that binds a DNA-directed RNA polymerase to a DNA sequence that upon transcription yields an RNA template that contains an RNA sequence comprising the reverse complement of an mRNA coding sequence of an influenza virus operatively linked to vRNA terminal sequences.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the RNA template is replicable.

60. (Previously Presented) A method for constructing a DNA molecule comprising: operatively linking a transcriptional control element that binds a DNA-directed RNA polymerase to a DNA sequence that upon transcription yields a replicable RNA template comprising the reverse complement of an mRNA coding sequence of an influenza virus.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, 57, 58, 59 or 60 wherein the RNA molecule is an influenza genome segment.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, 57, 58, 59 or 60 wherein the DNA-directed RNA polymerase is T7 polymerase, T3 polymerase or Sp6 polymerase.